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Dear Attorney Hesse,

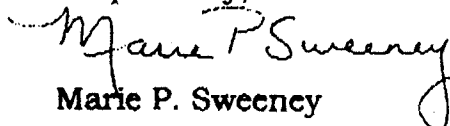
I would like to offer my opinion during the public comment period for the Microsoft antitrust case. I wholeheartedly support the settlement agreement that has been negotiated between the Justice Department and Microsoft, and encourage Judge Kollar Kotelly to accept the proposal.

I have been an active citizen, both in the private sector and in public life. I fully support the use of antitrust statutes by the DOJ to protect public interests. I also recognize that industries which rely on innovation need the freedom to act more or less unhindered. Microsoft must play by the rules of commerce the same as any other company, but they shouldn't be subjected to conditions set by their rivals. The agreement reached works in this spirit; the more stringent terms sought by the competitors does not.

I'm sure I am like a lot of Americans when I say that I think enough is enough. The case has gone on too long, and cost too much. Now we need to put it behind us, and move forward. The economy and the country in general both need to have the case settled, so that everyone involved can get back to business.

I appreciate your consideration of my thoughts on the issue.

Respectfully,

  
Marie P. Sweeney